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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF AMERICAN PRIEST: FATHER DANIEL PANCHOT

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1. BY LATE AFTERNOON NOV 17, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICERS HAD NOT RESPONDED TO OUR REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO MAKE APPOINTMENT TO FOLLOW UP OUR NOV 15 REQUESTS FOR CONSULAR ACCESS TO FATHER PANCHOT. THEREFORE AT 5:00 P.M. EMBASSY DELIVERED FOLLOWING NOTE:

"THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE DETENTION BY CHILEAN AUTHORITIES ON NOVEMBER 15, 1975, OF UNITED STATES CITIZEN DANIEL PANCHOT, A MEMBER OF THE HOLY CROSS ORDER.

THE EMBASSY LEARNED OF FATHER PANCHOT'S DETENTION FROM MEMBERS OF HIS ORDER THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 15, AND AN OFFICER OF THE EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY COMMUNICATED THE INFORMATION TO THE MINISTRY'S OFFICER ON DUTY, MR. SERGIO MORENO. THE EMBASSY OFFICER ASKED MR. MORENO TO ASCERTAIN THE FACTS IN THE CASE AND OFFICIALLY REQUESTED THAT US CONSULAR ACCESS TO FATHER PANCHOT BE GRANTED IMMEDIATELY. THE EMBASSY OFFICER LATER IN THE DAY INFORMED MR. MORENO THAT THE EMBASSY DOES NOT RECOGNIZE ANY RIGHT OF AUTHORITIES TO DETAIN A U.S. CITIZEN FOR

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NIZE ANY RIGHT OF AUTHORITIES TO DETAIN A U.S. CITIZEN FOR

A SPECIFIC PERIOD BEFORE GRANTING CONSULAR ACCESS, AND RE-
PEATED HIS REQUEST FOR ACCESS.

THE EMBASSY WISHES TO REMIND THE MINISTRY OF ITS NOTE
NUMBER 68 OF FEBRUARY 28, 1975, WHICH CONCERNED THE ARREST
OF AMERICAN CITIZENS JOHN D. CERRETTI, HENRY P. WARLOW,
JAMES R. WARLOW, AND THOMAS BURGOON. THAT NOTE STATED:

'IN THE MATTER OF GAINING ACCESS TO DETAINED CITIZENS
IT IS THE VIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT
ACCESS SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITHOUT DELAY, WHETHER OR NOT
WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS ARE INVOLVED. IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES
IN THE UNITED STATES POLICE AUTHORITIES, UPON THE REQUEST OF
A CHILEAN ARRESTEE, WOULD NOTIFY THE CLOSEST CHILEAN CONSUL
AND GRANT HIM ACCESS TO THE ARRESTEE IMMEDIATELY.'

THE MINISTRY REPLIED TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE BY ITS NOTE
NUMBER 3954 OF MARCH 5, 1975, STATING:

'EL MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES LAMENTA LOS
HECHOS QUE SE REPRESENTAN Y HA SOLICITADO LA COLABORACION
DE LAS AUTORIDADES COMPETENTES PARA LOGRAR LA MAXIMA AGILIDAD
Y COLABORACION CON LAS MISIONES EXTRANJERAS QUE DEBAN TRATAR
SOBRE SITUACIONES SIMILARES.'

THE EMBASSY AGAIN REQUESTS THAT IT BE GRANTED CONSULAR
ACCESS TO FATHER PANCHOT IMMEDIATELY, IN ACCORDANCE
WITH ARTICLE 36 OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR
RELATIONS OF APRIL 24, 1963.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AVAILS
ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN RELATIONS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST AND MOST
DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION."
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